



Chesley Lake Cottage Association

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Fall 2020 Newsletter

Working together to keep the Lake Healthy

Hello from the Board of Chesley Lake Cottage Association

As we have missed two meetings so far, the board thought that a newsletter was in order to keep everyone up to date, and highlight what is ongoing to keep our lake healthy.

First we hope everyone had a wonderful summer at Chesley Lake, although some properties have changed ownership, some of our friends have passed away and several of our American property owners were unable to be here with us, in this season of sunshine and heat. Mentioning heat, the lake temperatures were above average throughout the season, thus promoting vegetation growth, which in turn will die, decay, and use up oxygen to do so, and lakes that have reduced oxygen are prone to algae blooms which were also present this summer.

Reduced water clarity was evident, as testing results from May to Sept. showed. In May water depths were clear to 5 meters but by Sept only to 3 meters. Water clarity is affected by the green pigment in the algae. There was no water sampling this summer due to the shutdown of the environmental testing lab, but we have done testing of temperatures, oxygen and clarity ourselves to be reviewed at spring meeting, we hope. The equipment has run over 3000 hours this season with one pause due to a cooling fan shutting down, but soon repaired, and running well the remainder of the season. Some of the air lines in the water are needing to be replaced due to age and that replacement process is under way.

Water levels are always a topic for discussion as some feel it's too high while others say it is too low. I want everyone to understand that we the cottage owners do not control the water levels, the beaver and mother nature are in control. The beaver dam control monitoring is ongoing with the assistance of the landowner who is looking after trapping and removal of the beaver while a crew from Chesley Lake Camp are looking after the dam removal on a daily basis.

This relationship with the property owner must not be jeopardized or we will lose the privilege of her help.

The outflow vegetation growth is also reducing water flow as well and can only get worse as time goes on.

Thanks to the property owners for monitoring the phragmites growth and taking steps to reduce the spread of this invasive plant. A large growth on the south end and was brought down and under control THANKS

We have a new website coming by spring, and are working on membership payments through this site as well as a means to keep membership informed quicker of lake issues.

A banner image showing a lake with a sailboat in the foreground and a forested shoreline in the background. The text "Chesley Lake Cottage Association" is overlaid in white.

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Thank you to all who renewed their membership for 2020, even without a newsletter reminder. Your financial support to pay for equipment up keep or replacement, our FOCA Membership, mailing, website directors insurance is all used towards the betterment of Chesley Lake.

A big shout out to Chesley Lake Camp, Birchcrest property owners and Sunset Woods that support CLCA by having 100% membership. This kind of participation is the back bone of this association.

FOCA – as mentioned above, we are all members of FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottage Association and I urge you to look at their website to become familiar with the many programs and services they provide to cottagers, and those who are interested in all things to do with water front ownership.

Their E-Lerts that come to those who subscribe are most interesting and informative.

There was no fish stocking in 2020 due to Government departments shutting down, we can only wait and see for 2021.

I want to remind everyone, especially any new comers, what and who Chesley Lake Cottage Association is. Our association was formed in 1987 with a mandate to improve the quality of the lake water, to the best of our ability, nothing more. For further history and information please visit www.chesleylakecottageassociation.com.

The Association is managed by a board of 9 directors, who at present are:

Robert Trask
George Hoytema
Wayne Morrison

Robert Shantz
Reta England
Barb Blatherwick

Alex Palmer
Craig Ten Brinkle

As of this time we only have 8 so there is a position for another person who is dedicated to Chesley Lake's wellbeing.

Please give this some consideration for the future, either man or woman makes not matter.

Wishing everone a safe winter season and hope to see you all in the spring.

Sincerely,

Wayne Morrison

Board of Directors

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**Chesley Lake Cottage Association
Financial Statements
September 1/19 - August 31/20**

Meridian Credit Union - Chequing Account 0

	Operating Fund	Fish Stocking Fund	Total Chequing & Savings Acct.
Opening Balances	1,752.80	3,557.08	5,309.88
Receipts			
Bank Interest Earned			-
Receipts from Membership Dues	7,295.00		7,295.00 end of Aug.
Balances after receipts for the year	9,047.80	3,557.08	12,604.88
Expenses			
Lung Maintenance			
Compressor Maintenance	830.33		
Office, Decals & Newsletter Expenses	53.27		
Directors' & Officers' Liability Insurance	1,242.00		
FOCA membership & seminar expenses	1,098.00		
Bank Charges			
Total Expenses for the year			3,223.60
Transferred to 1YR Business Cashable Term Deposit (below)			
Ending Balance (Both Funds) - Chequing Account 0			9,381.28

Meridian Credit Union - Advantage Savings Account 0

Opening Balance - Savings Account 0		42,928.51	
Receipts from Interest received		75.93	
Transferred to term deposits		(40,000.00)	
Ending Balance - Savings Account 0			3,004.44

need to add August interest - prepared prior to receiving August statement

Meridian Credit Union - 1 YR Business Cashable Term Deposit - Matures October 1/20 (2.50%)

Opening Balance - Savings Account 0		-	
Transfer from Chequing Account			
Term 10 - 1 yr 2.5% (matures on October 1/20)		10,000.00	
Term 11 - 1 yr 2.5% (matures on October 1/20)		10,000.00	
Term 12 - 1 yr 2.5% (matures on October 1/20)		10,000.00	
Term 13 - 1 yr 2.5% (matures on October 1/20)		10,000.00	
Redeemed August 21/19			
Ending Balance - 1 Yr Business Cashable Term Deposits			40,000.00

Royal Bank

Opening Balance

Receipts from memberships & Interest received

35.00

Bank Charges and Interest

Ending Balance - Royal Bank

35.00

Capital Account with Township of South Bruce Peninsula

Contact Treasurer @ Township office - Annette Robson 1-519-534-1400

Opening Balance - Township of South Bruce Peninsula

921.29

Activity through the year

Ending Balance - Capital Account with Township of South Bruce Peninsula

921.29